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SUBJECT: POTATO BOARD TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. ARID KUWAIT HAVING VIRTUALLY NO AGRICULTURE, THERE ARE NO KEY GOVERNMENTAL AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS. IMPORTANT PEOPLE TO SEE ARE THE KUWAIT FOOD IMPORTERS, WHOSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES WERE FORWARDED TO USDA BY REF B ON JULY 27, 1977.

2. TO DATE KUWAIT HAS OBTAINED FRESH POTATOES THROUGH SMALL IMPORTERS BUYING FROM IRAQ, IRAN AND LEBANON AND THROUGH ONE LARGE COMPANY, AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTS CO, ESTABLISHED IN 1977 WITH A CAPITAL \$35 MILLION AND GOK GUARANTEE OF \$80 MILLION. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR NPB REPS WITH LATTER COMPANY. SMALL IMPORTERS WOULD NOT JUSTIFY CALLS. IF NPB REPS WISH TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCTS CO. DIRECTLY, SUGGEST THEY CONTACT:

FUAD AL-MASRI
P.O. BOX 24090 SAFAT
TELEX: 2276 AFPC
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3. MARKET FOR PROCESSED POTATOES IS MORE BROAD. SUGGEST NPB SEND FORM LETTER TO KUWAIT FOOD IMPORTERS LISTED REF B AND SEE WHO RESPONDS. IF RESPONSE IS LIGHT, WE CAN EASILY ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH SELECTED FIRMS UPON NPB REPS ARRIVAL.
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